

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 9 has been amended to be an independent claim which includes the element recited at section 5 at page 4 of the Office Action (incorrectly attributed to claim 15 but actually in claim 9). Claims 10-13 which are dependent upon claim 9 should be allowable for the same reason.

Claims 14-17 have also been amended to be dependent upon claim 9, rather than claim 8, and those claims should be allowable because their parent claim 9 has been indicated as allowable.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the element of the heating conduit having the capability recited in claim 9, which capability was indicated as the allowable feature of claim 9. It is submitted that with the amendment to claim 1 herein to include the capability of performing the step of claim 9, claim 1 is allowable. If claim 1 is allowable, then the other apparatus claims 2-7 dependent upon claim 1 should be allowable.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 14-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Applicant's prior art and Collins. Reconsideration is requested.

As to claim 1 and claims 2, 4-8 dependent thereupon, neither of the references teaches the feature that had been in claim 9 and has been incorporated as part of the structure of claim 1, whereby claim 1 and therefore claims 2 and 4-8 are distinguishable.

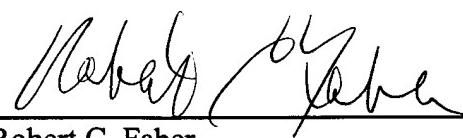
As to claims 14-17, they are dependent upon indicated allowable claim 9 and should be allowable for including the element that caused claim 9 to distinguish from the prior art.

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over the same prior art and further in view of Baudry. Reconsideration is requested as Baudry does not teach the element of claim 9, which has been incorporated in claim 1, as discussed above.

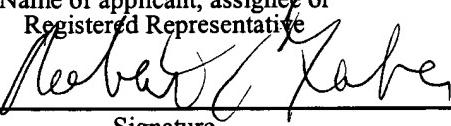
In view of the amendments to the application and the foregoing remarks, it is submitted that claims 1-7 and 9-17 are allowable and their allowance is requested.

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